



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ULRICH C. BOETTIGER ET AL.  
APPLICATION No.: 09/945,167  
FILED: AUGUST 30, 2001  
FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
IRRADIATING A MICROLITHOGRAPHIC  
SUBSTRATE**

EXAMINER: ALAN A.  
MATTHEWS  
ART UNIT: 2851  
CONF. No.: 1582

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

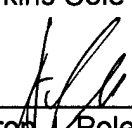
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed April 16, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 2-9, 11-31, 47-76 and 85-96. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003, and the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
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